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SUBJECT: COCOA - REACTION TO SAWADOGO COMMENTS

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SAWADOGO TO DISCUSS COCOA AGREEMENT MATTERS. MOST WASHINGTON OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR COCOA ARE LIKELY TO BE IN GENEVA DURING MAY FOR SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS. THEREFORE, MID TO LATE JUNE WOULD BE A MORE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR A SAWADOGO VISIT.

2. SAWADOGO'S COMMENTS OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE POSITIVE DIALOGUE WE HAVE MAINTAINED WITH THE IVORY COAST ON COCOA DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. WE DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEGOTIATION OF THE COCOA AGREEMENT AND ARE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN SUCH RENEGOTIATIONS IF THEY SHOULD OCCUR.

3. WE STILL FIND THE AGREEMENT OBJECTIONABLE ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS AND VIEW THE BUFFER STOCK APPROACH PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES IN 1975 AS A MORE FEASIBLE SOLUTION TO FLUCTUATIONS IN THE WORLD COCOA MARKET. SAWADOGO'S

CONCURRENCE IN A BUFFER STOCK APPROACH FOR COCOA IS CONSISTENT WITH HIS EARLIER REACTION TO THE U.S. PROPOSALS.

4. FOR LONDON. WHILE WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE DISCUSSIONS OF THE ICCO, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THE REVISION OF THE PRICE RANGE IN THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. IT IS LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE EMBASSY LONDON COMMODITIES OFFICER AS TO WHICH COCOA MEETINGS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE FEELS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO OBSERVE WITHIN HIS OWN TIME CONSTRAINTS.

5. ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON PARAS 1-3 IN DISCUSSIONS WITH IVORY COAST OFFICIALS.
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